



Association Highlights

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NJAA announces new age rule for competition

Eight-year-old members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) are now eligible to show at Angus-sponsored competitions across the country. The new age

rule, approved by the American Angus Association Board of Directors and the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), takes effect Jan. 1, 2016.

“The recent change to age requirements will allow Angus juniors who are 8 years old

on Jan. 1 to be eligible to compete at our nationwide shows,” says Jaclyn Clark, Association director of events and education.

The NJAA sponsored more than 50 junior shows during the past year, involving nearly 5,000 Angus youth. According to the new rule, an exhibitor’s birth date must fall between Jan. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 2007, to compete and be either a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association.

Major NJAA-sponsored competitions include the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic, Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Atlantic Nationals, Northwest Preview, the All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity and the National Junior Angus Show.

However, the Association cannot guarantee this will occur at all upcoming events, depending on planning stages of the shows. If there is a question, contact the show office directly.

New guidelines for feed intake submission

At its September meeting, the Breed Improvement Committee approved an update to the Association’s guidelines for submitting feed intake.

Research has shown that for the purposes of calculating phenotypic average daily gain (ADG) or residual feed intake (RFI), those 70 days on test were important primarily for the purposes of getting a good read on the gain component for efficiency. However, a good estimation for the intake component could be accomplished with fewer days.

For the purposes of genetic evaluation of efficiency, the most accurate estimates are achieved by using the separate components of gain and intake. For the Association’s evaluation, this means the DMI expected progeny difference (EPD) and EPDs for postweaning growth. In other words, genetic evaluations can arrive at good estimates of gain using EPDs we already have (WW and YW), so the only component we need from bull tests is a good measure of individual animal intake, which can be done with fewer days on test.

With that in mind, the new requirements for feed intake data submission are:

- All animals must be within a 90-day age range (same as before);
- A 21- to 28-day warm-up is required, 14 days of those days in the facility where

ASSOCIATION FEES

CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age.....	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age.....	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date	\$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date	\$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date	\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per weaning weight)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription	\$130
Lifetime membership (optional to pay in three \$500/year installments).....	\$1,500
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf..... regular registration fee plus \$10	
Cell-clone transplant calf	regular registration fee plus \$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder’s Reference Guide*. Free copies are available from the Association. An online version is available through the “Rules and Forms” link at www.angus.org.

BREEDER’S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
+	Embryo transfer calf
^	Cell clone
%	Split-ET
@	Clone-ET

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

Code	Meaning
AM	Arthrogyposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
DD	Developmental duplication
DM	Double muscling
DW	Dwarfism
HG	Horn gene
HI	Heterochromia irides
M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
OS	Osteopetrosis
RD	Red gene
SN	Syndactyly
WT	Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P – refers to a “potential” carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be “free” of that specific mutation.
- C – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a “carrier” of that specific mutation.
- A – refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF – Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC – Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA – Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF – Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).

the test will take place (same as before); and

- ▶ A 45-day test period is required (shortened from 70 days);
- ▶ Live weights are required at the beginning and the end of the intake test (mid-test weights not required).

The Sept. 25 EPD release included additional feed intake records that were previously excluded from the evaluation due to too few days on test.

For more detail about the change, visit the Angus Genetics Inc. blog at <http://bit.ly/1ZcSSPq>. If you have data that you'd like to submit, but had not in the past due to shorter test periods, contact Tonya Amen, genetic service director, at 816-383-5100 or tamen@angus.org.



Annual meeting, convention Nov. 3-5

The 2015 Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show will be Nov. 3-5 at the Overland Park Convention Center in Overland Park, Kan. The three-day event will feature thought leaders from across the industry, including representatives from the seedstock, commercial and feeding sectors. Attend educational seminars, conduct Association business, listen to top-notch speakers and make connections at the conference.

Now in its second year, the event will feature expanded workshops that cover a variety of topics, including genomics, recordkeeping, herd management and performance tools. Industry-leading speakers, American Angus Association staff and other experts will be among the presenters.

A three-day trade show featuring allied industry partners will offer cattlemen a chance to browse through the latest in products and services available to the beef industry and to visit with Angus breeders from throughout the country.

Convention highlights will also include a preconvention Kansas regional cattle tour hosted by the Kansas Angus Association Nov. 2, an international genomics symposium and nationally known entertainment.

For more information refer to the convention program mailed with the October *Angus Journal*. Online registration, hotel and travel information, an updated schedule, and exhibitor information are available at www.angusconvention.com.

Auxiliary invites participation

For more than 60 years, the American

Angus Auxiliary has promoted the Angus breed and supported future leaders within its ranks. The volunteer organization is made up of Angus women from all over the country, and each year, the group comes together for events held in conjunction with the National Angus Convention & Trade Show.

"The American Angus Auxiliary is open to anyone who would like to be a member and has a passion for kids and Angus cattle," says Auxiliary President Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan. "It's an incredible group that shares camaraderie for the Angus breed, agriculture and scholarship support for our youth."

American Angus Auxiliary members and anyone interested in learning more about the organization are encouraged to attend the Auxiliary's Annual Meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, and the Annual Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4. Both events will be at the Overland Park Sheraton. The breakfast will honor Hinrichsen's year of service to the organization and the 2015 Miss American Angus, Madison Butler, Vincennes, Ind.

The Miss American Angus competition is one of the ways the Auxiliary prepares Angus youth to be leaders for the breed. A poised spokesperson for Angus cattle and the entire beef business, Miss American Angus serves a yearlong term filled with showring appearances, speeches and education. Five young women will vie for the 2016 title, with a winner to be crowned during Thursday's Awards Recognition Breakfast.

A detailed schedule of events, lodging information and other key details for the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show can also be found online in the official guide.

Holiday shopping in Overland Park

The Angus Foundation and the American Angus Auxiliary will again open their merchandise to Angus enthusiasts searching for holiday gifts or something special for their own home or office. Look for merchandise displays in the concourse of the Overland Park Convention Center during the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show. The merchandise display will be open daily beginning Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Angus events at the North American

Angus enthusiasts will travel to Louisville, Ky., for shows and events during the 2015 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). From competitive events in the showring to a prestigious honor for Angus breeder Dave Nichols, Bridgewater, Iowa, the week's activities begin Sunday, Nov. 15.

All shows will begin at 8 a.m. in the Kentucky Exposition Center (KEC) Freedom

Hall. The Angus junior heifer show takes place Sunday, Nov. 15; the Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) shows for bulls, cow-calf pairs and females (in that order) will be Monday, Nov. 16. Bruce and Amie Stertzbach of Louisville, Ohio, will judge the ROV Show. The junior show judges are to be announced.

For more information about the show, visit www.livestockexpo.org.

Saddle & Sirloin induction

Bridgewater, Iowa, cattleman Dave Nichols has been selected as the 2015 inductee into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery, widely

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considered the highest honor in the livestock industry. Nichols is a current member of the American Angus Association Board of Directors, and Nichols Farms has grown under his leadership to encompass 5,500 acres, 1,500 head of breeding stock and a small feedlot.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club will honor these and Dave's other industry contributions during a special program and portrait unveiling at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, in the South Wing Conference Center of the KEC.

Supporters can make charitable gifts toward portrait and banquet expenses in Nichols' honor. For more information and availability of event tickets, visit www.nicholssaddleandsirloin.com.

Black books available for 2016

You can now order 2016 AngusSource®/Beef Record Service (BRS) black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. They feature the American Angus Association logo on the back.

Producers can request two free books and purchase additional books for \$3 each. To place orders, contact the AngusSource Department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

National Western deadline nears

Nov. 20 is the ownership (denoted as issue or process date on registration certificates) and entry deadline for the 2016 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) and junior Angus shows. Submit your entries on time; no late entries are accepted.

For information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Heifers to be featured in pen show

The Angus Pen Show will feature heifers as well as bulls this January. Classes will be included for pens of three heifers born after Jan. 1, 2015; born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2014; born May 1-Aug. 31, 2014; and born Jan. 1-April 30, 2014. Classes will be broken after arrival and processing according to the average age in days. First place in each individual class will receive \$150.

Champions will be named for divisions (late pen of calves, early pen of calves and pen of yearlings) as well as a grand and reserve pen.

For information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Bulls will be offered at NWSS Bull Sale

The 2016 National Western Angus Bull

Sale will be Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. All consignments will have Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) performance information and a complete set of Angus EPDs. The official AHIR adjusted yearling weight EPD (if applicable) must meet the breed average for nonparent sires.

All bulls born before Jan. 1, 2015, must have passed a complete breeding soundness examination (sometimes referred to as a BSE), including both physical and semen, within 30 days of the sale.

For more information about the sale contact David Gazda, sale manager, at 706-296-7846.

Angus Media to provide online coverage of Range Beef Cow Symposium

Angus Media will be on hand to provide online coverage of the 2015 Range Beef Cow Symposium Nov. 17-19 at The Ranch in Loveland, Colo. The event is being hosted by Colorado State University's Department of Animal Sciences.

www.rangebeefcow.com is one of a series of event coverage sites coordinated by the *Angus Journal's* editorial staff. Visit the site now for a schedule of the event, online registration, travel information and an archive of coverage of previous symposiums. Visit the site Newsroom after the convention for summaries of each presentation, as well as PowerPoint, proceedings papers and audio.

For more details, visit www.rangebeefcow.com.

2016 Angus Foundation Heifer set to sell this January in Denver

Schaff Angus Valley of Saint Anthony, N.D., will donate the 2016 Angus Foundation Heifer to headline the Angus Foundation Heifer Package set to sell Jan. 13, 2016, at the NWSS in Denver, Colo. The chosen female, SAV Emblynette 5368 (AAA Registration No. 18141862), born March 23, 2015, is true foundation material and has been selected for her individual quality and maternal excellence. She is the one-of-a-kind natural daughter of the elite fifth-generation Pathfinder®, SAV Emblynette 5483, who records a weaning ratio of 104 on seven calves and has earned a stellar production record, while her Pathfinder granddam remains productive in the SAV program at 18 years of age.

Visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information about the 2016 Angus Foundation Heifer Package.



Foundation to sponsor YCC participant

The Angus Foundation will nominate and sponsor an Association member between the ages of 25 and 50 to attend the 2016 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) — the beef industry and tour sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Sponsorship and program nomination is granted to an active Association and NCBA member using an application process. Applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org and should be returned to the Angus Foundation no later than Jan. 11, 2016. Learn more about the YCC and the program's educational and networking opportunities at www.beefusa.org.

Coverage of ARSBC

The Angus Media team coordinated online event coverage for the 2015 Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle (ARSBC) symposium Aug. 17-18 in Davis, Calif. The website — www.appliedreprostrategies.com — offers the summary, proceedings paper, PowerPoint presentation and audio of each speaker's presentation (as available) in the website's Newsroom.

The University of California at Davis and the Beef Reproduction Task Force hosted this year's symposium. Topics featured included an overview of reproductive management, strategies for artificial insemination (AI) success, the impact of environment and management on cow herd efficiency, the economic impact of reproductive technologies, advanced reproductive technologies, fertility in the male, the use of genomics in reproductive management, and development of replacement heifers.

Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship

The Angus Foundation Board of Directors approved funds to provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be given out in July 2016.

Applicants must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution for the fall of 2016. They can be an entering freshman or a continuing student in any undergraduate program. The applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred a registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2013).

Full details of eligibility can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. Information can

be found in the resources section on the home page. The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application will be available online Dec. 1.

Low-density genomic tests available

In addition to the previously available high-density genomic tests (HD50K for Angus from Zoetis and GGP-HD for Angus from GeneSeek), low-density options are now available. These new tests allow animals to have genomically enhanced EPDs at a lower cost, with nearly identical accuracy. The i50K for Angus from Zoetis and GGP-LD for

Angus from GeneSeek can be ordered from your AAA Login account. For more information, see “By The Numbers” on page 68 of the July issue.

AGI blog

AGI staff have established a blog to share information on timely topics. Short, informative articles on performance programs, genomic testing and more are posted at <http://angusgenetics.wordpress.com>. If you have ideas for a blog post topic, send your suggestion to Tonya Amen at tamen@angus.org.

Tag Store offers affordable identification

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd should visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Anyone can order ear tags, applicators, syringes and accessories.

Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, blank tags and prenumbered tags.

